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AND FLOAT SCANNING THEREOF**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119**
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

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